[Mr. K. P. Kochukoraarthakan]

(*b*) the amount sanctioned for each year for meals, &c., tothe patients in each of the hospitals mentioned above, especially for the years 1112, 1111 and 1110;

(*c*) whether any balance was left of the amounts so sanctioned during the last three years; and

(*d*) if so, whether they will lay on the table a statement showing the balance amounts and the hospitals which left such balances.

MR. JAMES SIMPSON: (*a*) The number of beds provided for the admission of in-patients are as follows :—

	Male.	*Female.*
Parur ...	20	26
Alwaye ...	18	18
Muvattupuzha ...	18	18

(*b*) Amounts sanctioned under dieting charges are as follows ;—

	1110.	1111.	1112.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Parur ...	700	700	725
Alwaye ...	365-0-12	350	350
Muvattupuzha ...	300	300	340

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) *A statement is laid on the table.

Remission of Kists.

90. *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Tovala* cum *Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they received petitions in the beginning of the year 1113, from toddy and arrack contractors of South Travancore praying for remission of kists; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative the action taken thereon?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

Audit of accounts in the Secretariat.

91. *MR. P. K. KUNJU (*Quilon* cum *Kotturakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Account Section in the Secretariat is never audited; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table the audit report of this Section for 1111 and 1112?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

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MR. K. P. KUNJU : ഈ സെക്ഷൻ ആഡിറ്റ് ചെയ്യാത്തതു എന്തുകൊണ്ടാണ്?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR : It is not required to be audited under the Rules.

MR. P. K. KUNJU : ഈ സെക്ഷൻ ആഡിറ്റ ചെയ്യാത്തതിനെ പ്പറ്റി കഴിഞ്ഞ ബഡ്ജറ്റുകാലത്തു വാദപ്രതിവാദം ഉണ്ടായിട്ടില്ലേ?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASVWMI AIYAR: Yes.

MR. P. K. KUNJU : അതിന്മേൽ വല്ല നടപടിയും നടത്തീട്ടുണ്ടോ?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMY AIYAR : Yes.

MR. P. K. KUNJU : ഇനിമേലെങ്കിലും ആ സെക്ഷൻ ആഡിറ്റ ചെയ്യേണ്ടതു് അത്യാവശ്യമാണെന്നു് വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR : Government do not include the Secretariat in the list of offices to be locally inspected by the outside audit staff.

Press Section in the Secretariat.

92 *MR. P. K. KUNJU : (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the staff of the Press Section in the Secretariat?

(*b*) will the Government be pleased to state the name, the academic qualification and past experience of the person who is now in charge of the Press Section;

(*c*) whether they will be pleased to state when the present incumbent was appointed;

(*d*) whether any advertisement was published in the Government Gazette inviting applications before the appointment was made;

(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the affirmative, how many applicants there were; and

(*f*) the pay of the person who is in charge of the Press Section in the Secretariat?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI : (*a*) The *statement is laid on the table.

(*b*) Mr. N. P. Hariharan who has been appointed Director of Information is in charge of the Press Section. He is an under-graduate. He has had considerable experience in journalism having served several important newspapers and news agencies in India.

(*c*) From 9th Chingam 1113.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*d*).

(*f*) Rs. 350 per mensem as acting allowance.

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